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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): Sir, on behalf of Shri Raghuvansh Prasad Singh, I beg to make statements on the

(i) Staus of implementation of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY); and [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10,003/08]

(ii) Status of Implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). [Placed in Library. *See* No.L.T. 10,004/08]

Circumstances leading to the death of Shri Hemant Karkare and other officers of the Mumbai Police

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, recently, some questions have been raised about the circumstances in which three police officers including Shri Hemant Karkare, head of the ATS, Mumbai, were killed while travelling in one car on Rang Bhawan Lane, near Cama Hospital on November 26, 2008. I have ascertained the facts from the Government of Maharashtra.

At the outset, I wish to say that there are at least three eye witnesses to the incident, one of them being Mohammed Ajmal Amir who was apprehended shortly after the incident and is now in the custody of the police. The other two eye witnesses are Shri Arun Jadhav, a police Naik who was in the Qualis vehicle when the incident occurred, and Shri Maruti Madhavrao Phad, the driver of a Government vehicle provided for the use of the Principal Secretary (Health), Government of Maharashtra.

Based on the accounts given by these three eye witnesses and the accounts of other witnesses, the Mumbai Police have been able to reconstruct the sequence of events. Briefly, the following is the sequence:-

Shri Karkare reached his residence at Dadar at about 21:45 hrs. Shortly thereafter, on receiving information over telephone from Shri Tondwalkar, Inspector-in-charge of the Control Room, he alerted his staff to be prepared to rush to the CST Railway Station. Within minutes, he and his team (one PSI and four Constables) took a Bolero jeep and rushed towards the CST. Before they reached the CST, they found that the road had been blocked due to a *nakabandi*. Hence, Shri Karkare and his team walked from that point to the CST. He was met by Shri K.P. Raghuvanshi, Additional DGP, Railways, and other officers. They informed Shri Karkare that two terrorists, after opening indiscriminate fire inside the Railway Station, had fled towards a lane (called Anjuman Lane) between the Times of India building and Anjuman Islam High School. Immediately, Shri Karkare put on his bullet proof jacket and helmet and along with his team